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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marsh asks unanimous consent to be excused Friday. That is all Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Swigart. For what purpose do you rise Senator?

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. Chairman, could I mention, I just got word here that....I have got a couple of names of candidates who are here under the north balcony. A couple of fellows running for office.

SPEAKER: It is a little unusual. If you will bring them up here the Chair will announce them.

SENATOR SWIGART: Alright.

SPEAKER: We will now go to Select File. Senator Stull will take this.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, I move the E & R amendments to 434.

SPEAKER: Motion made and seconded to adopt the amendments to LB 434. All in favor indicate by the usual sign. Opposed say nay. Amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Now Mr. President, I have a series of amendments on 434. The first one is (read).

SPEAKER: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. This is Senator Schmit's bill and it requires that anyone purchasing meat from a wholesaler, this is the retail grocery stores shall pay for that meat and the bill originally set out within 72 hours. This was impossible. Everybody recognized that, so we changed that with Senator Fowler's amendment from 72 hours to 7 days. In checking with the various grocery operations in the Omaha area we find frankly that the large chains need between 10 and 14 days depending upon whether they are caught with one or two week ends. The large chains need at least 14 days and the Ma and Pa type grocery stores need 21 days. It is for that reason that we have...that I have offered this amendment to change the number of days in which the retail grocery has to pay the wholesaler for meat from 7 up to 21 days. I would urge your adoption of that so as not to work a hardship on the Ma and Pa type store and continue to drive those out of business like the chain stores are doing now. I would ask your adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Goodrich if he would yield. Is there any reason that you limit it to 21 or maybe Senator Schmit could even listen to this. Senator Schmit might pay attention. Is there any reason why this couldn't be 30 days as they say they try to negotiate